

## VOCABULARY DEVELOPMENT

### PREVIEW SELECTION VOCABULARY

Preview the following words from the story before you begin reading:

**receding** (ri'sēd'in) *v.* used as *adj.*: becoming more distant.

*He could see the ship going away from him, **receding** in the distance.*

**disarming** (dis-ärm'in) *adj.*: removing or lessening suspicions or fears.

*"Don't be alarmed," said Rainsford, with a smile he hoped was **disarming**.*

**prolonged** (prō-lōŋd') *v.* used as *adj.*: extended.

*Zaroff's whole life was one **prolonged** hunt.*

**imprudent** (im-prōd'ənt) *adj.*: unwise.

*After the revolution in Russia, Zaroff left the country, for it was **imprudent** for an officer of the czar to stay there.*

**surmounted** (sər-məunt'id) *v.*: overcame.

*The general smiled the quiet smile of one who has faced an obstacle and **surmounted** it with success.*

**unruffled** (un-ruf'əld) *adj.*: calm; not disturbed.

*Zaroff appeared **unruffled**, even when Rainsford called him a murderer.*

**invariably** (in-ver'ē-ə-blē) *adv.*: always; without changing.

*Zaroff said that his captives **invariably** choose the hunt.*

**diverting** (də-vurt'in) *adj.*: entertaining.

*The deadly hunt was a **diverting** game to Zaroff.*

**impulse** (im'puls') *n.*: sudden desire to do something.

*Rainsford had to control his **impulse** to run.*

**protruding** (prō-trōd'in) *v.* used as *adj.*: sticking out.

*The **protruding** cliffs blocked Rainsford's sight of the ocean.*

### PREFIXES: IMPORTANT BEGINNINGS

**Prefixes** are word parts added to the beginnings of words. Although prefixes consist of just a few letters, they are powerful and can greatly change the meaning of a word. To the right are prefixes you'll come across often in your reading. Recognizing these prefixes will help you figure out the meanings of many words that might be new to you.

Prefix	Meaning	Example
<i>pre-</i>	before	<i>preview</i> , "view before"
<i>inter-</i>	between	<i>interaction</i> , "action between"
<i>un-</i>	not	<i>unpopular</i> , "not popular"
<i>mis-</i>	badly; wrong	<i>mismatch</i> , "bad match"
<i>re-</i>	again	<i>replay</i> , "play again"